Statement

State-wise No. of proposals received by Government for setting up coop. sugar factories since the Begining of 1990.

(*Position as on* 31-7-90)

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of proposal received
1	Maharashtra	67
2	Tamil Nadu	4
3	Uttar Pradesh	3
4	Karnataka	2
5	Punjab	6
6	Haryana	2
7	Gujarat	2
8	Bihar	4
	TOTAL:	90

Child Marriage and Dowry Deaths

1112. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child marriage and dowry deaths are increasing in the country because of illiteracy of women; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to rectify these problems?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) There are economic and social reasons for child marriages and dowry deaths and illiteracy of women is one of them the Government has issued instructions to the State Governments for effective implementation of the Chidl Marriage Restraint Act 1929 and the Dowry Prohibition Act 1986. However, to educate the public about the evil consequences of child marriages and the practice of dowry, various media and awareness generation programmes are held; innovative schemes for promoting women's empowerment like Mahila Samakhya programme are being implemented. Non-formal education and adult education programmes focussing on women have been taken up. Schemes for generating awareness amongst women about their rights are also being implemented by the Government.

Housing Policy for the Poor

1113. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news items which appeared in the Statesmen dated 2nd August, 1990 entitled "Housing Policy for Poor Soon";

(b) if so, what is the financial allocation for rural housing for the year 1990-91;

(c) the amounts earmarked for different States, Statewise; and

(d) the amounts released in this financial year for different States so far?